

RENEWING OUR STRENGTH



*"...but those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary, they
shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31*

Women's Day

May 21, 1994

St. John's MCC
Raleigh, NC

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

THE WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT

THE PURPOSE OF THE WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT (TWS) of UFMCC is to recognize the gifts and power that women contribute to the Fellowship and to the world.

To that end, the goals of TWS are:

A. To provide a framework for all the women to support, heal, nurture and empower one another, and

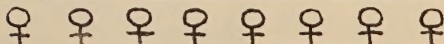
B. To recognize and work to eliminate all barriers to the full participation of women at the local church, district and Fellowship level.

RENEWING OUR STRENGTH: Women's Day '94 will be a time for the women of the G.L.A.D. District to come together for a time of nurturing. We are praying that this will be a time that we can come together, and through the Holy Spirit, empower one another. We are praying that each person that attends will leave this gathering with enthusiasm in their hearts...strength renewed...and a love in their spirit to fly through the valleys and soar to the highest mountain top.

Women's Day '94 will be a time of learning...a time for growing. Put this date on your calendar now and start praying for the blessings you will receive during this time.

WORKSHOPS

The following workshops will be offered. You may choose two: one for the morning session (10:30-12:00) and one for the afternoon session (1:00-2:30).



Workshop #1: 10:30-12:00

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FEMINISM & CHRISTIANITY: Can Feminism and Christianity co-exist in our lives?

The purpose of this workshop is to help us understand the true meaning of feminism and learn from each other how we can bridge the gap between Feminism and Christianity so that both can exist in our churches.

Workshop #2: 10:30-12:00

YOU ARE STRONGER THAN YOU THINK:

Unlocking the chains that bind us!

Are you bound by a invisible chains that keep you from looking at the strength God has given you? Come to this workshop and learn that you are stronger than you think!

Workshop #3: 1:00-2:30

AVOIDING GRACE AT ALL COST: Managing our anger in relationship to God.

Do you get angry at God? What do you do with that anger? In this workshop, we will be looking at how we can manage our anger in relationship to God.

Workshop #4: 1:00-2:30

ARE WE A CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE OR NOT? Creating diversity in our churches.

A panel of Women of Color, from our District, will be leading a discussion on how to help create diversity in our churches. They will be answering questions such as: What brought them to the MCC church. What has kept them in the MCC church. And, what would they like to see other churches do to bring more people of color into our churches.

REGISTRATION FORM

The cost of RENEWING OUR STRENGTH: Women's Day '94 will be \$10.00. Your lunch is included in this cost. Please send your money (check or money order) to Margie Walker (The Women's Secretariat Representative).

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

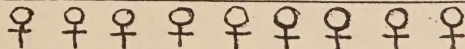
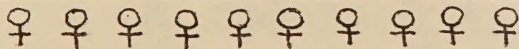
PHONE NUMBER: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

CHURCH YOU ATTEND: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: (Please specify if any)

REGISTRATION FORM AND MONEY NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY MAY 8, 1994.



WORKSHOPS

Please list your choices for the workshops that you would like to attend. This will help assure the amount of materials we will need for the workshops.

10:30-12:00

1:00-2:30

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

WILL YOU BE AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

You can register for RENEWING OUR STRENGTH:
Women's Day '94 at Spring District Conference.

REGISTER NOW!

This will be a fun and exciting time to meet other women in your district and begin new friendships.

DON'T MISS....

This time of coming together and RENEWING OUR STRENGTH!

Please return registration form and money to:
MARGIE WALKER

5301 Brazelton Road
Knoxville, Tennessee 37918

Late Registration will be accepted. If special arrangements need to be made please call Margie at (615)688-4980.

WOMEN'S DAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-9:45	Welcome
9:45-10:15	WHERE IS TWS GOING?
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Workshop #1 & #2
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Workshop #3& #4
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:15	Women Share
3:15-4:00	Closing Service

DIRECTIONS TO ST. JOHN'S MCC

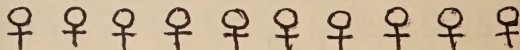
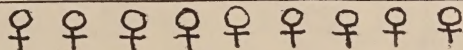
Take I-85 to I-40.
Take Wade Ave. Exit off of I-40.
Turn right onto Glenwood Ave.
Church Address: 805 Glenwood Ave.
Church Telephone #: (919)834-2611

DO YOU NEED INFORMATION ON WHERE TO STAY? This info will be available at District Conference.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...
on Women's Day '94 you may call:

Margie Walker - TWS Representative
(615) 688-4980
Libby Puckett - TWS Co-chair
(704) 529-5957
Charlotte Eichorn - St. John's MCC Liason
St. John's MCC Church Office
(919) 834-2611

SEE YOU THERE!



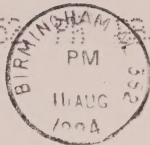
BIRMINGHAM AREA CLERGYWOMEN'S GATHERING

Thursday Lunch August 25, 12:00 - 2:00
Bring your brown bag... Drinks provided

Host: Barbara Drake
Roebuck Plaza UMC
1028 Ethel Lane
(One block off Hwy 11)
Birmingham, AL 35235

RSVP: 823-5653 (Home)
833-8032 (Work)

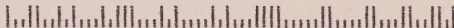
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Marge Ragona
911-G Valley Ave
Birmingham, AL 35209



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Name Peg Schoettlin Church Covenant MCC
 Address/City/State/Zip 614 Garden Ridge Cr.
HOVER AE 35244
 Phone# (205) 987-1497

Topics I would like to see covered in workshops:
 (Please rate these in ascending order with 1= highest preference)

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| <u>8</u> Women in the Bible | <u>10</u> Women's health issues |
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Other topics????

Couples - communication commitment.
children in the church

What are some of your most pressing concerns as a woman in your church?

Losing our men
Keeping / getting I involved
 What do you see as the most pressing concerns for women in UFMCC?

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Name Katharine Harkins Church UMCC Bham

Address/City/State/Zip 2927 Highland Ave #7
Bham AL 35205

Phone# _____

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Address/City/State/Zip 614 Garden Ridge Circle, Hoover AL 35244

Phone# 205 987-1497

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Other topics????

What are some of your most pressing concerns as a woman in your church?

Increasing # of women + the # of women participating in and leading groups + ministries.

What do you see as the most pressing concerns for women in UFMCC?

*Making a personal commitment for many more members.
Support for long-term relationships - counselling, groups, examples, vocabulary.*

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Help with organizing at local church.

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Name Amanda Parsons ⁷⁶ COOPER-HENDRIX Church Covenant MCC
Address/City/State/Zip 5983 AMBER HILLS Rd.
Birmingham, Alabama 35210
Phone# 205-956-6418

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more topics for teenage or young adult women.

What are some of your most pressing concerns as a woman in your church?

Increasing the number of teenage and young adults in our church.

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Name Dorothea (Dottie) Cook Church CMCC - Birmingham

Address/City/State/Zip 6578 Quinton Rd. DORA, AL 35062

Phone# 205-674-6512

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*The Top 5 listed above -
#3 in combination with 6 & 7*

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The Women's Secretariat Report to the Spring District Conference - 1994

The Women's Secretariat (TWS) has gone through some changes since the Fall District Conference. Julie Suess-Pierce has stepped down as District Liaison for TWS/GLAD and was replaced by Margie Walker and Libby Puckett. TWS/GLAD is now structured with a Chair/Co-Chair in order to more effectively serve the women of GLAD.

TWS/GLAD sent out an issues survey to the women of GLAD to get a feel for the most pressing issues facing women in our churches. Overall, TWS/GLAD received 71 responses back - 13 from NC, 12 from TN, 38 from GA, 9 from SC, 1 from AL, and 0 from MS. The concerns that seem most pressing are as follows in order of importance: Increasing the number of women in our churches - especially reaching women in our community and women in minority communities, healing our brokenness, women in the Bible, Feminism and Christianity, women's health issues, inclusive language and healing the divisions between women and men. TWS/GLAD will offer workshops to address these issues in upcoming District Conferences and Women's Day Retreats.

TWS/GLAD is hosting two events at Spring Conference, a women's share time on Friday night after worship and a women's caucus Saturday morning after breakfast. TWS/GLAD is also hosting a Women's Day on May 21. The Women's Day is a day of workshops, sharing and worship ending with a Lynn Lavner concert. The Women's Day will be held at St. John's MCC in Raleigh, NC.

Both Margie Walker and Libby Puckett are representing TWS/GLAD at the Leadership Conference in August in Dallas. We will bring back information for the women of GLAD and present it at the Fall District Conference.

